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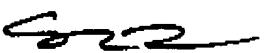
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Examiner Rimell,

Per our telephone conversation earlier today, attached is a proposed amendment to claim 1 which should clearly distinguish the claimed invention from the Rangan patent. Please review and call me to discuss at 202-663-7425 at your earliest convenience.


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